

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Claim 21 was amended herein, and new claims 30-33 were added. Support for new claims 30-33 can be found throughout the specification and in the originally filed claims. Claims 1-20, 26, and 28-29 have been canceled.

Therefore, claims 21-25, 27, and 30-33 are currently pending. These claims essentially correspond to Group II from the December 24, 2002 Restriction Requirement issued by the Examiner in the parent case. Consideration of the pending application is respectfully requested.

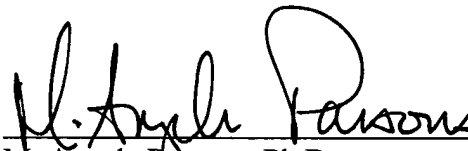
CONCLUSION

Applicants ask that all claims be examined. The enclosed filing fee takes into account the claims pending following the entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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